



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q77647

Kazuhiko NAGANO, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/670,792

Group Art Unit: 2828

Confirmation No.: 4366

Examiner: James VANNUCCI

Filed: September 26, 2003

For: LASER APPARATUS IN WHICH LASER DIODES AND CORRESPONDING
COLLIMATOR LENSES ARE FIXED TO MULTIPLE STEPS PROVIDED IN BLOCK

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This responds to the Election of Species Requirement, dated October 4, 2006. The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to more than one distinct species. The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted.

Applicant elects Species A2 for examination on which claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 15 are readable. Further, Applicant elects Sub-species B3 for examination on which claims 9 and 10 are readable.

Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

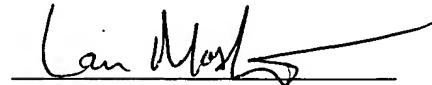
Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to the non-elected claims.

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